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Re: Consumer comments supporting Energy Efficiency Programs in Tucson Electric Power's Energy Efficiency Implementation Plan, E-01933A-11-0055

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners:

I am very concerned about climate change and the soon-to-disappear window of opportunity to mitigate the predicted disastrous effects of increasing CO₂ emissions far into the future as well as taking steps to adapt to the negative effects of the runaway greenhouse.

Both mitigation and adaptation will require, among other steps, a massive undertaking to increase energy efficiency throughout all sectors of society. Energy efficiency is a quick, easy, relatively cheap, fairly low-tech, and highly effective way to begin significantly reducing CO₂ now.

I am a TEP customer and I have had great admiration for TEP's energy efficiency programs that help consumers by means of various financial incentives. I'm aware that the budget for these programs has been severely cut, which means the freight train of progress will come to a grinding halt and further, this economic engine for jobs will be damaged.

I believe it is extremely important for us to not lose momentum in this quest for energy efficiency because it also has the effect of obviating the need for building additional power-generating capacity, which will be extremely costly and in any case, is a move in the wrong direction, in my opinion. Climate change is here and we need to be ramping up our efforts to reduce carbon emissions as quickly as possible.

We need to restore and increase funding for the many programs TEP was offering plus more that were being planned. These programs have the additional benefit of providing much-needed jobs in our community. And, they provide assistance to low-income families who would otherwise be unable to afford many of the modifications needed to reduce energy use.

I know there is a cost involved in restoring this funding, but I am willing to pay the additional fees through my electric bill. I consider this an important investment in the future that we can't afford to miss.

For all these reasons, I urge you and all the Commissioners to act to protect our future by supporting these critical energy efficiency programs.

Yours truly,

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